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EDITORIAL

We hope you enjoy the May edition of Scan. If you are interested in poetry there is plenty to choose from this month – as gaeilge agus as bearla. The newly developed Camino walk from Bray to St. James's Gate is described in the Tidy Town's page – perhaps worth trying it out before embarking on the Spanish Camino.

Woodbrook College is featured on the cover of this month's edition. The school's article on modern foreign languages (MFLs) is very interesting and informative.
The Citizens Advice Information article is very timely as it sets out all you need to know about registering for the upcoming local and European elections in June 2024 and much more information on various aspects of the electoral system in Ireland.

For any budding authors out there, (and we have information about one already published writer this month), we would love to accept new articles for publication, space permitting.

PLANTS NEEDED!

Fundraising Plant Sale in aid of Shankill Day Care for the Elderly, to be held June 8th, 10-1pm Lower Road D18 HW95. All plant donations would be appreciated-garden plants, houseplants, fruit/veg, annuals, perennials - in fact anything with a leaf!

Contact Susan **087 2747471**.

SHANKILL CLASSICAL MUSIC CLUB

The next meetings of the Shankill Classical Music Club will be on Wed 1st May and Wednesday 5th June. Usual time and place: 7:45 p.m. in Shankill Day Centre, Lower Road, Shankill.

For further info please ring or text John O'Hagan: **087 2109175**.

AA MEETINGS SHANKILL

Alcoholics Anonymous hosts meetings in Crinken Church Parish Hall every Monday at 8.30 p.m. and in St. Anne's Community Centre (beside St. Anne's Church) every Sunday at 8.30 pm. Doors open around 8.15 pm.

A welcome awaits you.

LISTENING EAR - SUPPORT NETWORK FOR SEPARATED AND DIVORCED PEOPLE

The Network is open to persons of any faith and none. Meetings take place on the 2nd Tuesday of every month from 7.30 - 9p.m. in the Resource Centre.

You are welcome to contact **087 3646067** or email ***listeningear14@gmail.com*** and a supportive compassionate person in the network will respond and together you can discuss how we can be of help to you.

Complete confidentiality is guaranteed and everyone will be warm and friendly.

BETHANY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

St. Anne's Resource Centre Shankill

If you are grieving the loss of someone special or have had a loss of any kind and would like to talk to someone, Bethany Bereavement offer free support to adults, with sympathy and compassion in confidence.

We have a drop-in service on the first Friday of each month at 10.30 am or if you prefer, we can meet with you in person. Just call the **01 2822704** to arrange.

BOOK SALE/BOOK LAUNCH

Meet a Local Author!

Aisling Maguire

Hello Readers!
Here's your chance to get a signed copy of my latest novel, Lena's House, at the SOFA book sale on Saturday 4 May.

About the book: You're sure to like my feisty heroine, Lena, a woman of 'uncertain age' whose life is suddenly complicated by a series of crises. First, her niece (and then her peacenik boyfriend) from Cork move in with her. A long-vanished lover reappears, and her neighbours, in cahoots with an upstart finance guru, want her to join their crackpot money-making scheme. Meanwhile, she must contend with the shadow of a terrible event in her past.

The place is South Dublin, chiefly Seapoint. The time, 2004, when the Celtic Tiger was roaring, contrasted with memories of Dublin in the 1950s.

About me: My previous novel, Breaking Out, was published by Blackstaff Press. Short stories, features and reviews of mine have featured in many publications, including The Irish Times, The Irish Independent, RTE and recently A Very Irish Christmas (New Vessel Press, New York).

To learn more, check out: ***www.aislingmaguireauthor.com*** and my newsletter, What's the Story? at: ***aislingmaguire.substack.com***

COMMUNITY GAMES

Thank you SCAN for the Cover photo, not expected but a lot of very delighted Shankill children.

Upcoming Events: Art and Handwriting Competition on Friday May 10th @ 6.00 p.m. in St. Anne's National School.
Art: Under 8, 10,12 14 and 16 Boys and Girls.
Handwriting: U10 and U 12

Winners represent Shankill at Dublin Finals.

Event Link: ***https://eventmaster.ie/event/VVP6CERTwv***

REGISTERING TO VOTE

There is still time to register to vote in the upcoming Local and European Elections (June 2024) and Dail/Seanad elections - the next one due to be held no later than March 2025. Set out below are details of how to register to vote. If you want to vote in an election or referendum in Ireland, you must be: Eligible to vote and registered to vote. You can now register to vote for the first time and update your information on the register throughout the year. If you provide your PPS number, you do not need to have your identification and forms witnessed at a Garda station. Applications to register and to change the register can be made online at ***checktheregister.ie***. If you are already registered, you should check your details and add your PPS number, date of birth and your Eircode on checktheregister.ie. Everyone is being asked to do this to keep the register up to date.

Each local authority is legally obliged to maintain, update and publish its Register of Electors. The Register must be maintained and updated on an ongoing basis. The local authority can ask for documents to prove that you are eligible to vote as part of its duty to make sure that the register is up to date.

To be eligible for inclusion in the Register of Electors, you must be at least 18 years old and be ordinarily resident at an address in Ireland. If you have no address, you can register with 'no fixed address.' You can give an address where you can get correspondence. If you have more than one address, you should give the address where you want to be registered. You can only be registered at one address. You can register to vote: Online at checktheregister.ie or by filling in an application form. If you do not give a PPS number, you must get your form and ID witnessed at a local Garda station.

Deadline for registering to vote: Your application must be received by the local authority at least 15 days before an election or referendum (excluding Sundays, Good Friday and public holidays). If it is received on or after 14 days before an election or referendum is taking place, you will not be registered to vote in that election or referendum.

The Register of Electors can be inspected at local authority offices. The Register of Electors is a public document. Your PPS number and your date of birth will not be published. You can apply to update the register if you have reasonable grounds to believe an entry about another person is inaccurate. For example, you can apply to update the register if someone has died.

Voting by post: Most voters have to vote in person at an official voting centre. However, you may be eligible for a postal vote if you are: An Irish diplomat posted abroad, or their spouse or civil partner who is living abroad with them; A whole-time member of the Defence Forces.

Citizens Information

You may also be eligible for a postal vote if you cannot go to a polling station because: You have an illness or disability; You are studying full time at an educational institution in Ireland, which is away from the home address where you are registered; You cannot vote at your local polling station because of your occupation, service or employment; You are unable to vote at your polling station because you are in prison as a result of an order of a court; You are a member of the Garda Síochána.

People who are eligible to vote by post are registered on the Postal Voters list. The latest date for receipt of applications is:

- 2 days after the date of dissolution of the Dáil in the case of a general election
- 2 days after the date of the order appointing polling day in the case of a Dáil bye-election
- 22 days (excluding Sundays and public holidays) before polling day for other elections or referendums

Application forms are available on checktheregister.ie and from your local authority.

If you are registered as a postal voter, you can only vote by post. You cannot vote at a polling station.

Special Voters List: You may qualify to be on a Special Voters List if you live in a hospital, nursing home or similar institution and wish to vote at these locations. If you are applying for the first time you must send a medical certificate with your application. The latest date for receipt of applications is:

- 2 days after the date of dissolution of the Dáil in the case of a general election
- 2 days after the date polling day order is made in the case of a Dáil bye-election
- 22 days (excluding Sundays, Good Friday and public holidays) before polling day for other elections or referendums

Application forms are available on checktheregister.ie and from your local authority, Garda station or post office.

Register of Electors and direct marketing: Until recently, an edited version of the Register of Electors was available. This edited version could be used for direct marketing purposes. Since October 2022, there is no longer an edited version of the Register of Electors. It is an offence for an organisation to use the full electoral register for direct marketing purposes.

Student voters: If you are studying away from home while attending college, you can register at either your home address or your student residential address. You must be registered at one address only.

Overseas voters: If you are an Irish citizen living abroad, you cannot be added to the Register of Electors unless you

are an Irish official on duty abroad (or their spouse or civil partner).

Useful contacts and links: You can apply directly, or download application forms on checktheregister.ie. Forms are also available from all local authorities, post offices and public libraries. Return the completed form to your local authority. You can get more information on voter registration from your local authority, or the Department of Housing, Housing, Local Government and Heritage -

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The Citizens Information HELPLINE is: 0818 07 4000- OR - Call in to the Citizens Information Centre at Marina House, Clarence Street, Dun Laoghaire at any time between 9.30 am and 4.00 pm, Monday to Friday. No appointment necessary. Clarence Street is the turning to the right at the traffic lights at the junction of Lower Georges Street, Cumberland Street and York Road, Dun Laoghaire. Citizens Information offers a Free, Confidential and Impartial Service to the citizens of Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown on a very wide range of useful issues. OR Phone Dun Laoghaire CIC at: 0818 07 7400.

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CLG na Seanchille

St Patrick's Day Parade
We had a great turnout for the annual parade in Bray. Our club members proudly carried our banner and club colours with plenty of encouragement from the crowded streets. We also featured on the 6.01 News on RTE. Well done everyone.

Tree Planting
We had a tree planting morning in Stonebridge Road together with DLR Parks and Shankill Tidy Towns group. Due to the Easter holidays, we had small turnout but still managed to plant some 1000 trees. Pictured is the Moynihan family in the thick of the work. I understand that they planted 17 trees, what a great job. Now here is the thing we must mind and look after these trees and see them grow and mature. They will help to save our planet.

Wedding Bells for our Jen
Comhghairdeas go Jen agus Donnacha on their wedding. Jen has been a stalwart club member for several years as a player and coach to the lady's team. Also served as Cultural Officer and was a driving force in the formation of our special All Stars group. We wish Jen and husband Donnacha a long and happy life. Mile buiochas.

Easter Camp
To say that the weather was unkind to us is probably the understatement of the year. However, despite the weather and our limited facilities in Stonebridge road, GPO Steve and the coaches managed to keep the show on the road. Believe it or not the sun came out on the final day just in time to play the mini All Ireland games. Shankill kids are made of strong stuff and by all account everyone enjoyed themselves

Academy
The academy is in Stonebridge Road 10.00am on Saturdays. Coaches are on hand and all equipment is provider. The first several weeks are free of charge. So why not come along and give it a try. **www.shankillgaa.ie**

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Part of Our Community

We are delighted to announce our annual Champions League Tournament for 2024. We are so excited to welcome all the boys and girls for this 2-week tournament of football in Shanganagh Park. 11 matches guaranteed.

We want to thank John, Emma and the Brady's team for agreeing to fund a significant part of the tournament costs again this year. It helps us keep the entry fee as low as possible so more kids can join. Demand is expected to be huge again this year, so register early to avoid disappointment.

Great fitness training for Shankill FC U12 squads with Karl Mc Callig and Project Fitness Dublin.

Brilliant HiiT session and great bonding for the team.

On to the semi finals we go. Brilliant win for our U12 Saturday A team as they won their U12 Maurice Price quarter final against Montpelier. Congratulations lads.

It was well worth the journey to Home Farm to see ex-academy and Shankill Player Aisling Meehan make her senior debut for DLR Waves. At such a young age she gave a mature display that has marked her down as one to watch in the future.

Well done Aisling.

Big Congratulations to 3 of our girls.

(L-R) Isla, Bella & Isla who have been invited to the FAI Centre of Excellence programme.
They're a credit to themselves for all their hard work. Making their parents, coaches and the club very proud.
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Shankill Bowling Club

by Jack Byrne P.R.O.

Shankill bowling club began another season competing in the leagues of Irish Lawn Bowling with a hope that their performance in their club's hunt for honours will be the driving force to ensure that this coming season will be fruitful. But who can say, just like the seasons before, our teams will be certain to give their all on the rinks. A few new faces where it matters will make all the difference, so we are always ready to welcome new members who may be willing to wear the white and red and be a part of that quest for honours in 2024.

This season the following divisions are being contested: Division 2 Saturday, Division 2 Wednesday, Division 2 Monday evening, Division 2, 3, 4 Vets on Wednesdays.

There is great excitement in our Indoor bowling section. This is our first year competing in the Wicklow East Coast League. This is a quite competitive league with a very high standard of short mat bowling. Shankill is presently on a total of 28 points with one game to play and is in fourth position in section two, a very impressive performance in their first winter season. Still on Indoor bowling, Shankill are now the proud holders of two Wicklow short mat bowling championships. In the last three weeks they captured the Millennium cup for fours, with B. Burke, M. Dixon, L. Rigley, P. Cannon beating a Redcross team in the final in Newcastle Community Center. They also won the Doubles finals with Martina Doherty and Billy Bourke, securing the "Taylor Shield'' from Newcastle BC in St. Francis hall, Newcastle.

Finally, just a reminder that Shankill holds an open bowling weekend on Saturday 11th May between 2.30 and 4.30pm and Sunday 12th May from 1.30 p.m. to 4.30pm. Drop by our facilities on Quinn's Rd. and have a try where you're bound to be made very welcome. Flat soled shoes or runners are all that's needed, the rest we supply. See you there.

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Enter the course code in the search keyword box at www.loughlinstowntrainingcentre.ie or Email lfrcault@ddletb.ie for more information or assistance.

Shankill & Ballybrack

Community First Responders

Registered Charity Number: 20200526

A quarter year has gone by quickly and our group of volunteers continue to work hard in responding to our community's emergency calls as well as train individuals to raise the awareness level of bystanders performing CPR.

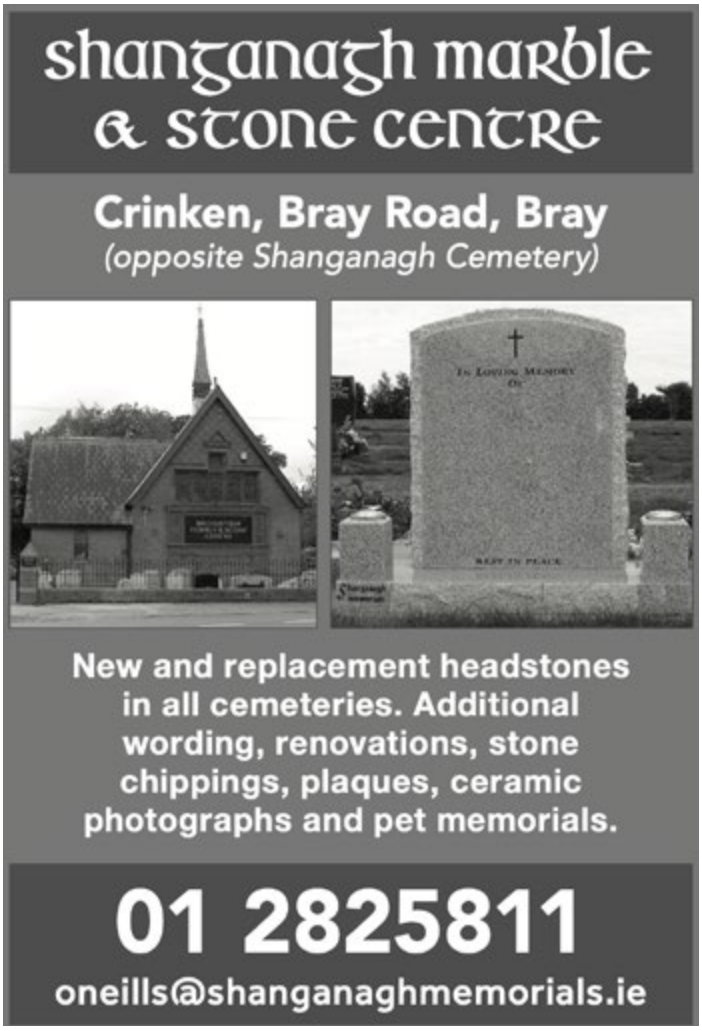
To date, we have responded to 89 incidents covering the scope of Cardiac Arrest (38 calls), Stroke (13 calls), and the newly added First Aid related calls (38 calls).

We continue working on raising the awareness level of individuals in performing CPR in emergency situations with a total of 223 across different institutions and locations.
In the background, we are excited to share that work is underway to launch our new website soon.

Follow our Facebook page Shankill & Ballybrack CFR or our Instagram ***@shankillballybrackcfr*** for up-to-date information on our events and news.

Our next "Hands for Life" training session will take place on Thursday May 16th, 2024, from 7pm to 9pm at St. Anne's Resource Center. Scan the QR code to open the event link and sign up for this informative session.

For any inquires, drop us an email to ***shankillcfr@gmail.com***.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Book Clubs

- Our first Tuesday Evening Book Club meets on May 7th @ 6.30pm to discuss: **Marzahn, Mon Amour** by Katja Oskamp *(Translated from the original German by Jo Heinrich) Winner of the 2023 "Dublin Literary Award"*
- Our Friday Book Club meets on 3rd May at 12pm – 1 pm to review **Weyward** by Emilia Hart
- Our Junior Book Club has resumed regular meetings again. We meet on the last Tuesday of the month in the afternoon. Our next meeting will be held on the Tuesday 28th May @ 2.45 pm.
  The title discussed will be **Dork Diaries** by Rachel Renée Russell - Tales from a not-so-fabulous life.

There are a few spaces left. If you would like to join, please e-mail us at ***shankilllib@dlrcoco.ie***

Bealtaine Festival
We have a few events to celebrate "Bealtaine Festival for the month of May

- **May 3rd & 24th: 10.30 - 11.30 am** Folk Music for Wellbeing with Ruairí O' Shea
- **May 9th: 2.30pm - 3.30pm** Stencilling Workshop with artist Kim Jenkinson. Join artist Kim Jenkinson for this Bealtaine stencilling workshop where we will learn to create colourful patterned artwork using simple stencilling techniques and use our finished pieces to create greeting cards and bookmarks.

Booking essential: ***shankilllib@dlrcoco.ie*** or Tel: **01 2823081**

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Open Friday or Saturday alternately.

2024	Open Fri	Open Sat
May	03, 10, 24, 31	18
June	14, 28	08, 22

SOFA Shankill Day Care Centre

Registered Charity Number (RCN): 20012410

A MEMORABLE VISIT

Minister Mary Butler and Officials Engage with Shankill Day Care Centre

Shankill Day Care Centre recently had the honour of hosting Minister Mary Butler, along with TD Cormac Devlin, MEP Barry Andrews, and Councillor Sally Anne Moylan for a special visit.

The occasion provided a valuable opportunity for the esteemed guests to connect with the elders and dedicated staff who enrich the community through the day care centre's services. The visit underscored the government's commitment to supporting initiatives that enhance the well-being of older adults and strengthen community bonds.

Minister Butler's presence exemplified a proactive approach to understanding the needs of seniors and investing in resources that promote their health and happiness. As the dignitaries engaged with the elders, sharing stories, laughter, and wisdom, it became evident that such interactions are not merely symbolic but are integral to fostering a sense of belonging and dignity among older generations.

TD Cormac Devlin, MEP Barry Andrews, and Councillor Sally Anne Moylan's participation emphasized the collaborative effort across various levels of government to prioritize the welfare of seniors. The visit also offered an invaluable opportunity for the officials to gain first-hand insights into the challenges and successes of the day care centre. By listening to the experiences of both the elders and the dedicated staff, they could better understand the needs of the community and explore ways to provide further support and resources.

Moreover, the visit served as a testament to the dedication of the staff at Shankill Day Care Centre, who work tirelessly to create a warm and stimulating environment for their elderly

patrons. Their unwavering commitment to promoting social engagement, mental stimulation, and physical well-being was evident in the smiles and camaraderie shared throughout the visit. Beyond the immediate impact of the visit, the engagement between Minister Butler, TD Cormac Devlin, MEP Barry Andrews, Councillor Sallyanne Moylan, and the stakeholders of Shankill Day Care Centre reflects a broader commitment to fostering inclusivity, compassion, and solidarity within our communities. It highlights the importance of government officials actively engaging with grassroots organizations to ensure that policies and initiatives are informed by the lived experiences of those they serve.

In conclusion, the visit of the delegation was a testament to the power of community engagement and collaboration in promoting the well-being of our elders. Their presence underscored the value of recognizing and supporting the contributions of seniors to our society, and their commitment to working together for a more inclusive and compassionate future.

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Question: *Do I qualify for mortgage interest relief and how do I claim a refund for this?*

In the last budget, the Government announced a new temporary mortgage interest tax credit. It is possible to get a refund from revenue on a percentage of the increased interest you paid on your mortgage in 2023 when compared to what you paid in 2022. The amount of the refund is 20% of the increase you paid and is capped at €1,250. There are still many people who qualify but have yet to claim this tax relief.

Due to the significant rise in interest rates in recent times, the difference in interest paid on your mortgage since 2022 would have been substantially higher, unless you were on a fixed rate over this time period.

To qualify for this tax credit, you must meet certain conditions:

- You must have had an outstanding mortgage balance of between €80,000 and €500,000 on 31st December 2022.
- Your loan must be with a qualifying lender and you must have paid interest on the loan in 2022 and 2023. The amount of interest you paid on the loan in 2023 must have increased from what you paid in 2022.
- You must have paid income tax in 2023.
- The property must be in Ireland and should be your main residence.

How do I claim the mortgage interest tax credit? You can claim the mortgage interest tax credit by logging on to Revenue's 'MyAccount' or ROS services. There is a 'mortgage interest tax credit' option in the tax credits page under the option to complete an income tax return for 2023. What documents do I need to claim the credit? You will need to submit the following documents to Revenue. These statements are issued to you by your mortgage provider in January of every year but if you no longer have them, you can request copies by contacting your provider.

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*My name is **Lesley Byrne** and I am your local Social Democrats representative for **Killiney-Shankill** committed to working hard towards a fairer and better community for us all.*

I am the Principal of a DEIS secondary school and hear every day about the issues that many families face. I know that decisions made at local council level have an impact on all of our lives. I am running because I want to ensure that these decisions are made with the best interests of the community in mind.

I stand for:

- **Affordable Housing:** There is a huge demand for affordable housing in the area. I have met many families who are living with grandparents. The new development at Shanganagh is very welcome but residents have some valid concerns re parking, traffic and transport that should be listened to.
- **Public Services:** We need better public transport and in particular transport to the airport is something I am actively working on. I have contacted the council regarding a number of pathways and walkways that are unsafe for everyone but in particular our elderly and disabled community.
- **Education:** I have spoken with many parents who can't find suitable school placements for their children or are concerned about the lack of supports available for their child. As an educator with 20 years experience, I will continue to work on this at both national and local level.

YOUR VOICE MATTERS

You deserve a say in how our community is run and I want to work with you to ensure that this happens.

Please get in touch and let me know what issues you might be facing.

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Local History Society Lectures

by James Scannell

Mount Merrion Historical Society
David Ryan will present ***'Buck Whaley'*** at 8 p.m. on Thursday May 2nd in The Fitzwilliam Rooms, Mount Merrion Community Centre, Mount Merrion, Co. Dublin. Admission is €4 for €2 for Students.

Medal Society of Ireland
A ***'Medal, Militaria and Collectables Fair'*** will take place between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Saturday May 4th in the Knox Memorial Hall, Monkstown Village, Co. Dublin. All are welcome - Admission is €2 for members and €4 for non-members.

Edward Worth Library Seminar Series
Dr. Cathy Scuffil will present ***'The South Circular Road on the eve of the First World War'*** at 3 p.m. on Wednesday May 8th in the Worth Library, Dr. Steven's Hospital, Dublin 8. Admission is free but as places are limited, book a place at: info@edwardworthlibrary.ie.

The Irish Railway Record Society
John O'Brien will present ***'Harristown Station – A History'*** at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday May 9th in the Society's Dublin Heuston Station premises – strictly members and the guests only.

The Old Dublin Society
John Healy will present ***'Devlin's Pub and the Army Mutiny'*** at 6 p.m. on Wednesday May 15th in the Conference Room, Dublin City Library & Archive, 139-144 Pearse Street, Dublin
2. All are welcome – admission is free.

Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Society
Hal Sisk will present ***'Developments in transforming Dun Laoghaire Harbour'*** at 8 p.m. on Wednesday May 15th in Royal Marine Hotel, Marine Road, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. All are welcome - admission is €5.

Bray Cualann Historical Society
Gerard White will present ***'A WW2 Maritime Disaster with Bray Connections'*** at 8 p.m. on Thursday May 16th in the Royal Hotel, Main Street, Bray, Co. Wicklow. All are welcome – admission is €8 for non-members.

Western Front Association (Dublin Branch)
James Scannell will present ***'Infantry Weapons of the First World War'*** at 2 p.m. on Saturday May 18th in the Conference Room, Dublin City Library and Archive, 139-144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2. All are welcome – admission is free – donation appreciated.

Foxrock Local History Club
'***A Night of Artefacts – 5-minute talks by members on historical artefacts they have in their possession'*** will take place at 8 p.m. on Tuesday May 21st in Foxrock Parish Pastoral Centre, Foxrock, Co. Dublin. All are welcome - admission is €5 for visitors.

Rathmines, Ranelagh & Rathgar Historical Society
Lawrence Byrne will present '***A History of St. Mary's Church, Mary Street, Dublin'*** at 8 p.m. on Thursday May 30th in Rathmines Town Hall, Rathmines Road, Dublin 6. Members free / visitors €4 - Swan Car Park Evening Rate: €4 from 7 p.m. to Midnight.

Shankill - Looking Back

At the May 6th 1924 sitting of Shankill District Court in Shankill Library, a Carrickmines farmer who assaulted a bailiff sent by the Sheriff to execute a decree for £260 relating to income tax, had the charge dismissed by the District Justice when it emerged that all his farm stock had been seized and sold by the Sheriff to meet the decree as the District Justice felt that he had suffered significant financial loss and had spent time in custody pending this appearance in court.

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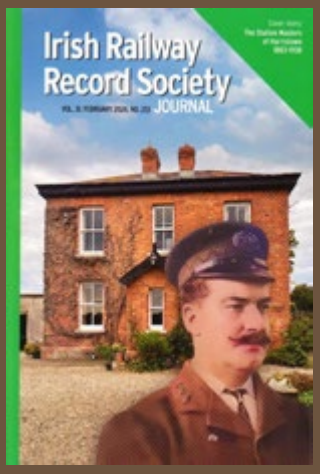

February 2024 issue of ***'Irish Railway Record Society Journal'***, Vol.31 No.213, Tim Moriarty, Hon. Editor, published by the Irish Railway Record Society.

Articles featured in this issue of this excellent Irish railway history magazine include – ***'The Station Masters of Harristown 1883-1938'*** by John O'Brien, ***'William Dargan's English Railways – Part 2'*** by Robert Hartley, ***'From Dining Car to Food Trolley'*** by Louis Cullen, ***'The Irish Pullman Experiment 1926-1936'*** by Tim Moriarty, ***'Irish Rail 2024 Timetable'*** by Barry Carse, ***'Society News','Obituaries', 'Observations and Comments', 'Publications', 'Paddy O'Brien Photo Miscellany', 'Irish Railway News', 'Outing to Mallow Level Crossing Control Centre & Lartigue Monorail and Museum', 'Time Arrow' Railtour, 'Meeting Programme'***, Subscription Rates and how to join the Irish Railway Record Society

Rathmichael Historical Society

by Richard Ryan

The Society's Winter/Spring Programme ended on a high note with Chris Corlett's imaginatively entitled A Monumental Mystery Tour of Medieval Ireland. Using specific examples, Chris demonstrated how he approaches ruined medieval structures to try to understand how they might have looked originally. Spending a lot of time on each site eventually reveals small clues that lead to a plausible reconstruction. This forensic approach can sometimes lead to surprising results as he showed us.

Members' outings will take place in May and June and are already booking up. These include:

- **26th to 29th April:** Away weekend to explore the history and archaeology of the Midlands, based in Birr.
- **4th May:** Medieval Dublin guided walk with Howard Clarke.
- **19th May:** Repeat of 4th May walk – Medieval Dublin
- **8th June:** Industrial Heritage of South-East Dublin: walk led by Rob Goodbody.

This year, the Summer Lecture Series will take place during Heritage Week from 19th to 23rd August. In line with the Society's away weekend in Birr at the end of April, the theme will be The Monastic Midlands. Here is the programme:

- **19th Aug:** The Monumental Landscape of the early Christian Midland Monasteries by Caimin O'Brien.
- **20th Aug:** A Modern Scholar Explores the Monastic Midlands, Past and Present by George Cunningham.
- **21st Aug:** Leo Swan Memorial Lecture: Clonmacnoise and its Churches by Con Manning.
- **22nd Aug:** King Turlough O'Connor, Clonmacnoise and the Lemanaghan Shrine: Royal Patronage in the Monastic Midlands in the early 12th Century by Griffin Murray.
- **23rd Aug:** Tech Mo Chua/Timahoe and the Life of Saint Mo Chuae by Charles Doherty.

All talks will be at 8pm in Rathmichael School, Stonebridge Road, Shankill, Co.Dublin. *(They will also be viewable live by Zoom).* Members attend free. Non-members pay €5 per lecture which includes tea / coffee and biscuits.

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Shankill Classical Music Club

TWO THEMES AND AN EPILOGUE

Jewish Rhapsody, then Let's Dance, and finishing with an epilogue. The titles give a fair idea of what we could expect in Anastasia Gamaley's selection at the April session.

The first half celebrated the contribution of Jewish musicians, as composers and/or performers. The very first item was straightforward: a Jewish folk-dance played by a traditional ensemble. And there's no doubting the ethnic roots of Gustav Mahler, even if they were not so tenacious as to prevent him eventually converting to Christianity. We heard the scherzo movement from the fourth symphony, conducted by the great Russian Kirill Kondrashin.

David Popper was a mid-19th century Bohemian cellist/composer, from a Jewish family. He's nowadays remembered mainly for one sizzling cello solo Dance of the Elves, played here by Mstislav Rostropovich. This led into a sequence of violin music, played by two ethnically Jewish fiddlers: the Latvian Gidon Kremer in the finales of the concertos by Sibelius and Brahms, and the American Itzhak Perlman in two of the virtuoso solo caprices by the early 19th-century wizard Paganini.

Paganini couldn't resist the temptation to write the best-known of these (No 24) in the form of a set of ever-more dizzying variations. And many composers since then have come up with their own sets on the same theme. One of the best-known is Rachmaninov's. But his contributions to the second ("Dance") part of the programme were quite different from that, and from each other: firstly, two contrasting orchestral dances – The Women's dance and The Men's dance - from his early opera Aleko; and then two piano solos, recorded in his prime in the 1920s: an arrangement of the Hopak dance from Mussorgsky's opera The Fair at Sorochyntsi, and a little Polka bearing the initials of his father W.R. A much later Russian pianist Svyatoslav Richter was a champion of Tchaikovsky's rarely played piano music, and we heard a delightful waltz.

Giya Kancheli

Orchestral dances by Stravinsky (two movements from the ballet Pulcinella) and Ravel completed that phase of the music. The Ravel is formally titled La Valse, but is often described as a parody on the Viennese waltz style, as the elements of waltz rhythms and harmonies are played around with, finishing up in a raucous dance macabre, to some ears a picture of the collapse of the Viennese empire.

Not a hint of dance in the epilogue: this was an impressively sombre orchestral piece Mourned by the Wind by Giya Kancheli (1935-2019), the most prominent composer of recent times from Georgia (the former Soviet republic, not the US state). As befits an epilogue, it left us with a lot to think about!

The next meetings will be on Wed 1 May and Wed 5 June. Usual time and place: 7:45pm in Shankill Day Centre, Lower Road, Shankill.

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Have we 'heard' it all before?

There is a great temptation to think we have heard it all before. This may well be largely true although our knowledge is always improving and increasing. For example, the North Atlantic is at record temperatures and has been for the last year. Does it matter? Yes indeed, a 1degC rise in temperature means the atmosphere will hold about 15% more water and storms dump that water in a shorter time, often on land that has been modified by human activity making it less able to absorb the water as it falls. Man reduces forest cover, global warming causing rain instead of snow in mountains, draining of bogs etc. We have now had almost the wettest nine months on record, and recent weather forecasts suggest it will continue, wet and overcast. Warm water evaporates faster, more moisture in the atmosphere causes more clouds, rain and less sunlight, as we have had for the last year. The tillage farmers are in serious trouble because the land is too wet for the machinery needed to plant for the summer harvest. It's tough on them, and tough on us as we will have to pay more for our fruit and veg. And don't forget the communities suffering the increased severity and numbers of floods.

Voters have power: Now and Again.

As voters, we are not helpless. We must ensure that our politicians at all levels understand the issues and, critically, that they know that we expect them to establish policies to roll back the ways that our society is contributing to climate change. This means of course that we must be prepared to change our own habits. A good start would be to familiarise ourselves with the new bus routes and use public transport whenever we can, walk or cycle to school. Here in Shankill we are better served than most communities.

On Thursday 30th May SAGE will be hosting a husting for our local and EU Candidates. Come, ask your questions and have your say in St Anne's Resource Centre at 7.30pm.

Tech businesses need to rethink.

Clearly the world, especially the tech industries, need to rethink their business plans. **Crypto currencies** which make great profits for a few are using a grossly disproportionate amount of our world's limited energy. The most recent estimate from the Energy Information Authority of the US shows that 'crypto-mining' uses as much power as the Netherlands does. And now we must add **AI** which demands huge computing power. Currently a Google search using their AI system uses 20 times the energy of a normal search, Alex de Vries, Netherlands; A Yale University report expects AI worldwide will use the same power as Japan by 2026. The power to do the calculations is very high, and no doubt will reduce but AI also demands vast arrays of material, text, pictures, our personal data swept up from our use of the web, credit card payments, loyalty cards etc. etc. and, lest we forget, astronomical amounts of pornography, both real and AI generated around celebrities and many other entirely innocent people. It is essential that all governments understand that the current **exponential increase** in demand for computing power and storage is unsustainable and will, unless restrained, collapse world energy systems.

Exponential increases are unsustainable.

No exponential increase can be sustainable because the resources of our planet are **limited** and exponential increase is **limitless** unless actively stopped. The relevance to climate change is very obvious. The second serious problem for the computing and data storage world is fresh water for cooling. The Yale report estimates: "Working from calculations of annual use of water for cooling systems by Microsoft, Ren estimates that a person who engages in a session of questions and answers with GPT-3 (roughly 10 to 50 responses) drives the consumption of a half-litre of fresh water. It will vary by region, and with a bigger A.I (GPT4)., it could be more." Already there are many data-centres that are causing problems for local communities who are finding that their water availability has become compromised. How much of what we have stored do we expect to use again.

Storage is not free, even if we do not pay for it in cash. This issue is expanded at length in: ***https://news.mongabay.com/2024/03/critics-fear-catastrophic-energy-crisis-as-ai-is-outsourced-to-latin-america/*** part of its series "Planetary Boundaries".

Sam Altman, the boss of OpenAI, has warned that AI is driving humanity toward a **"catastrophic energy crisis."**

Ultimately, we depend on our politicians to understand these issues AND act. The pressures from vested interests to do nothing are enormous, so we need to put pressure the other way.

Next month: What China is doing to deal with urban flooding.

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Update from...

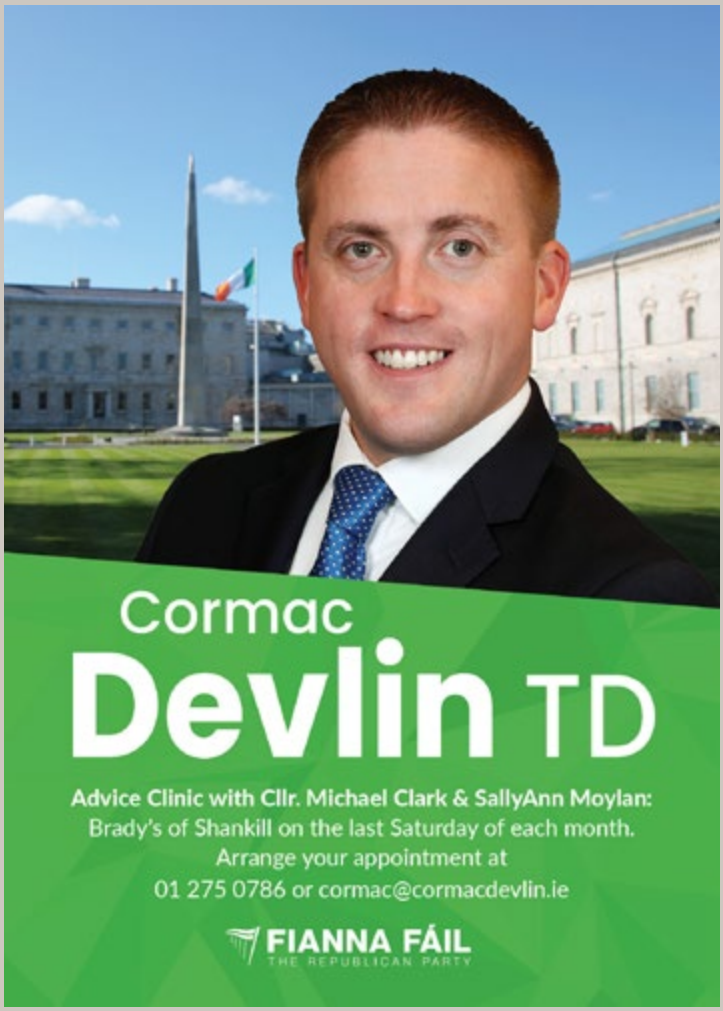
Cormac Devlin TD

I hope you are all keeping well. The Local and European Elections will take place on Friday 7th June. Barry Andrews MEP and I have been out and about with SallyAnn Moylan, our new Local Election Candidate in Shankill (as you know, Cllr. Michael Clark has been selected to run in Blackrock). We hope to visit almost every home before polling day, but if you have any queries or questions please get in touch.

SallyAnn Moylan is from the area and grew up on Church Road. She is very involved in local sports clubs and community organisations. She has three young adult children, so she knows the issues facing our area and the need to provide more affordable housing, better public transport, and safer parks and streets.

We recently held a very successful online public meeting with Minister Darragh O'Brien to detail the pathways to housing available, including social housing, affordable purchase, cost rental, and the various schemes open to people seeking to buy their first home.

As you know, 597 new public homes are almost complete at Shanganagh Castle and they are expected to be allocated later this year. I have published a guide on the pathways to housing available. If you would like a copy please email me your address (***cormac@cormacdevlin.ie***) and I will arrange to post one out.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MINISTER MARY BUTLER VISITS SHANKILL

It was wonderful to welcome Minister Mary Butler to Shankill recently where she had the opportunity to visit Shankill Day Centre. Minister Butler is responsible for Mental Health and Older People, and she was keen to see for herself the fantastic work being done by everyone at Shankill Day Centre.

Minister Butler secured record funding for day care centres and nursing homes like St. Joseph's Shankill in the last budget, but given the increased costs facing organisations more needs to be done and we will be pressing for further funding in Budget 2025.

TRAINING AND APPRENTICESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The shortage of skilled tradespeople is one of the key challenges facing the country, particularly here in Dublin. We need more people with skills to work in the construction industry. The government has invested in this area creating thousands of new further education places.

There are some fantastic training and apprenticeship opportunities available, if you know of anyone interested you can refer them to the Loughlinstown Training Centre or visit ***http://apprenticeship.ie.***

SUPPORT FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES AND ENTERPRISE

Increased costs and regulations are creating challenges for local businesses and organisations. I raised the issue on a number of occasions with then Minister Simon Coveney. I will be raising the matter with the new Minister for Enterprise, Peter Burke - businesses want to see less red tape and schemes and supports that are easy to access.

Locally, SallyAnn Moylan and the Fianna Fáil candidates for the Local Elections will support policies to help local businesses reduce costs where possible.

SUPPORTING HOUSEHOLDS

SallyAnn Moylan and the Fianna Fáil team are also committed to supporting households by maintaining the 15% reduction in the Local Property Tax and where possible, avoiding increases in Council charges such as rents, parking and gate fees at Council facilities.

The significant increase in housing units locally has substantially increased the Council's LPT base which will ensure funding is available to maintain and improve services.

KEEP IN TOUCH

As always, if you have any questions or need clarification about any measures, please get in touch at telephone **01 2750786** or email ***cormac@cormacdevlin.ie***. You can also sign up to my regular e-bulletin at ***cormacdevlin.ie***

School News in scan

Rathmichael National School

Seachtain na Gaeilge i Ráth Mhichíl.
Bhaineamar an taitneamh as SnaG I mbliana!
D'fhoglaimear amhráin I rith na coicís…
Abair Leat, Amhran na bhFiann, Lá Breithe agus Súil i Solas De.
Chanamar le chéile i rith an Cruinniú.
Rinne ár rinceoirí cor agus port dúinn i rith an Cruinniú freisin. Bhí said ar fheabhas!
Chan Rang a sé 'Amhrán na gCupán'. Bhí said ar fheabhas!
Bhí céili againn agus bhí an scoil go léir ag damhsa le chéile.
Bhí an craic ag gach duine de Déardaoin mar bhí SIOPA MILSEÁIN againn!
D'ullmhaigh Ms. Goudie & na daltaí i Rang a cúig an siopa agus cheannaigh na paistí milseáin, seacláid, criospaí & brioscaí.
Bhí lá glas againn freisin. Chaith gach duine eadaí glasa agus rinne gach rang corpoideachas lena 'Buddies' i rang eile.
An rud is tábhachtaí i rith an coicís…Rinne gach duine iarracht Gaeilge a labhairt!

Go raibh maith agat a Mrs Harte agus Ms Goudie, who organised and coordinated the programme for Seachtain na Gaeilge. The children really enjoyed all the activities which gave them a greater appreciation of the Irish language and our culture. Everyone got into the spirit and tried to speak Irish at every opportunity and for those who made special efforts they were put into an Easter Egg raffle. The school was decorated with flags and Irish phrases. Pupils particularly enjoyed the Lá Glas, Buddy PE, the Assembly as Gaeilge (my thanks to all the Irish Dancers led by Ava and to 6th for Amhrán na gcupán), the Siopa Milseain, run by 5th Class, for the whole school and the Céilí on the pitch on the last day of term.

Also on the last day of term, children wore bright colours instead of their uniforms and donated money to the **Shine A Light for Peace Fundraising Appeal for Gaza**. This appeal is being led by the Dublin and Glendalough Dioceses to raise funds to repair the damaged Diocese of Jerusalem run Al Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza and its cancer unit. They also want to raise money to help provide a centre which will assist boys and girls who have been injured in the war and who have been traumatised by what has happened in the war. We raised over €600 so thank you to everyone.

Hockey – huge congratulations to the Boy's Hockey squad for making it to the Finals of the Leinster Schoolboys League (Primary), which took place on Tuesday 19th March in Three Rock Rovers grounds against Wesley Preps. They played brilliantly, holding a very strong Wesley team to a one goal lead at half time. They lost in the end but should feel very proud of themselves, as we are of them, as they gave their all for the whole match. The Girls' team was unlucky not to make it to the Finals, being beaten on 1v1s by Wesley Preps (who went on to win the competition), in the Semi-Finals, again giving their all in the game and being unfortunate to go out in that manner.

We are looking forward to more sporting activities in the term ahead when hopefully the weather will brighten a little.

Naomi Rousseau
Principal

Shankill TidyTowns — Glanbhaile Seanchill

Shankill Tidy Towns Community Walks 2024

The first walk in this year's programme took place on Easter Monday when Rob Goodbody led an enthusiastic group on a tour of Shankill's railway locations including remnants of the old Coastal and Harcourt Street lines.

Our Shankill Tidy Towns volunteers have been keeping busy of late.

One recent task was weeding of the fruit bush plots at the Castle Allotments off Quinn's Road

SuperValu TidyTowns

Corbawn Lane

Carrickgollogan Sunset

Shanganagh Road

Corbawn Lane

The Celtic Camino and the Camino Ingles from A Coruña and Ferrol

A Camino through Shankill!

Did you know that there is a Camino route through Shankill? **The Bray Celtic Camino - Coastal Route** starts on the seafront in Bray, where this handsome stone was recently erected, and ends at St. James's Gate, Dublin 8, a walk of about 32Km.

The route goes through Bray Harbour and Little Bray to St, James' Church, Crinken. It passes through Shanganagh Park, Quinn's Road and Corbawn before reaching the coast at Shanganagh Cliffs.

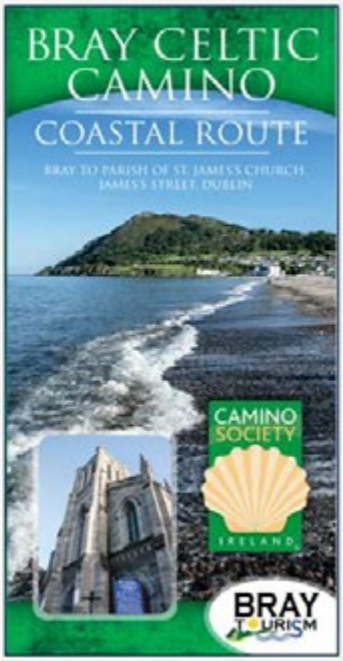
After a brief walk on Killiney Beach, the route continues to Dalkey, Sandycove and Dún Laoghaire, a useful break point, especially if walking over two days.

The second half of the walk continues through Blackrock, Booterstown and Sandymount Beach before turning east at Ringsend. Having crossed the Lock Gates at Grand Canal Dock, the route briefly crosses the Liffey to the North Quays. It passes the Customs House, crosses Butt Bridge and on past Trinity College and Christchurch Cathedral to the Church of St. James. The Guinness Storehouse is also nearby.

This walk is part of a recent development, whereby a ***Compostela***, a certificate of completing the Camino de Santiago, can be achieved by walking at least 25Km in Ireland and then walking 75Km in Galicia, from A Coruna to Santiago.

Shankill Tidy Towns, in collaboration with the Camino Society Ireland and DLR Parks, intends to unveil a Camino Stone, like the one in Bray, at the entrance to Shanganagh Park in May.

In March, a group of over 40 walkers from the Camino Society were welcomed at St. James, Crinken.



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World Poetry Day

by Megan Quinn

This year to celebrate World Poetry Day, the St Anne's Media Team held a poetry competition. 1st to 6th class were allowed to write a page long poem about anything they wanted. We got poems about space, poems about school, poems about Easter, even poems about poems! Nearly every class entered and a winner was picked from each class. Some of the winning poems will be scattered throughout these pages, so feel free to take a look at some of them. Crazy hair day and World Poetry Day happened to be on the same day, so we handed out prizes looking absolutely mad! Then, we took all the winners to the library where they could recite their poems and have their pictures taken. It was a lot of fun for everyone and we all hope there will be another competition next year!

Here are some samples of the poems

GUILTY *(by Isabelle Conroy)*

I look very filthy,
I'm running from the police,
I feel very guilty,
And I just want peace.

I stole from an old lady's purse,
Now I'm thinking about what I bought,
Because I've been sentenced with a curse,
And I don't have a single thought.

And me and my friend sat in jail,
And wish we were in a bowling alley,
And pinning on the donkey's tail,
Wondering how we'll manage without family.

VERDUN *(by Marc Shannon)*

As the waiting gets intense,
We know a battle shall commence,
We will be fighting very soon,
All the way from morning to noon.

Then we hear the whistle blow,
Soldier running to and fro,
We see barbed wire, sharp as thorns,
We see men die but no time to mourn.

Then we hear artillery fire,
The shell is gradually roaming higher,
Then there comes an almighty boom,
Mud is splattered across the tomb.

We all hear the crack of rifle,
This seems to be a never ending cycle,
Then I feel a sharp pain in my head,
Now I'm lying in the mud dead.

LITTLE SECRET *(by Eabha Twomey)*

Starry night,
Midnight sky,
When the stars are beaming,
The people are dreaming.
A shooting star comes flying by,
So bright, so pretty, so gorgeous, so high,
A girl has a dream where she sees a pretty bird that has heard a little secret.
And she believed it

THE CLOWN WITH A FROWN *(by Maia Martin)*

There once was a clown with a frown,
He was performing one day when everything changed,
He stood upon stage with a bright smile on his face,
But everybody walked away,
He didn't know why so he sat down and cried,
He was found the next day with tears on his face,
He will never forget the day he stood up on stage,
And everyone walked away.
Was it his nose, his eyes, his face?
He will never forget how he felt that day.

Crazy Hair Day

by Emily Keogh

On Thursday March 21st our school held a Crazy Hair Day. People brought in 2 euro and made their hair as crazy as they could. We had loads of types of crazy hair, there was people with balloons, hair dye, plaits and even fizzy drink bottles in their hair. Each member of the student council chose a winner from their class. Everyone had lots of fun and we raised lots of money.

Ask a Councillor

Cllr. Carrie Smyth

ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE?

With the Local and European Elections taking place on Friday the 7th of June 2024, now is the perfect time to register to vote so you can make your voice heard. The last day for voter registration is Monday the 20th of May and the deadline for a postal vote application is Saturday the 11th of May.

All you will need is your PPS number and Eircode.

You can register to vote, change your address or pre-register to vote if you are aged 16 or 17 by visiting ***www.checktheregister.ie*** or scanning this QR code.

PEDESTRIAN CROSSING – DUBLIN ROAD, SHANKILL VILLAGE

Following representations regarding the wait time for pedestrians at the above-mentioned pedestrian crossing, I contacted the Council's Traffic and Road Safety Section and received the following reply:

"Yes, a technician attended on 29/2/24. There should now be an "near-immediate" response to the button (unless the green man has just run, then there is a cooldown period (the cooldown period I believe is 20-30 seconds depending on the volume of vehicles passing)). The green man walk time was also increased to 7 seconds, and the time available to cross is the standard countywide according to the width of the crossing.

I hope that makes sense."

REPLACE REMOVED TREES - SHANGANAGH PARK

Question: To ask the Chief Executive if there are plans to plant trees in Shanganagh Park to replace the trees that were removed as part of the different works taking place within Shanganagh Park?

Reply: There are plans to plant trees at a number of locations within Shanganagh Park during the 2024 planting season.

CORBAWN LANE - UPDATE ON THE TOPOGRAPHICAL SURVEY

Question: To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the topographical survey that was to take place to facilitate the installation of a new footpath on the south side (Dorney Court) off Corbawn Lane between Corbawn Lane/Dublin Road/Shanganagh Road Roundabout and Athgoe/Corbawn Lane/Dorney Court Roundabout, Shankill?

Reply: The survey was carried out with the results showing

that there is not sufficient space to allow for the installation of a proposed footpath on the south side of Corbawn Lane. The main pinch point is associated with the area around the existing mature tree that is located adjacent to the roundabout at Dorney Court.

An option under consideration is to enhance the existing crossing points from the footpath on the far side of Corbawn Lane into Dorney Court.

FOOTPATHS - SHANGANAGH CEMETERY, ST. HELEN'S SECTION

Question: To ask the Chief Executive when permanent resurfacing will take place along the temporary surface on the footpath/roads within Shanganagh Cemetery especially at St. Helen's Section?

Reply: The paths referred to are given a temporary surface until plots on both side of the pathway have been opened. The laying of a permanent surface is scheduled when 3 rows have been completed. This work has been slightly delayed and will be complete in Q2 2024.

LOST & FOUND FENCE

Question: To ask the Chief Executive if there are plans to pilot a "lost & found fence" in Shanganagh Park?

Reply: There are currently no plans to provide such a facility in Shanganagh Park.

School News in scan

Mr. Egan's 6th Class

6th class working on a science experiment with sound. They are creating earmuffs to stop sound traveling to their classmates.

Fifth & Sixth Class visit Shankill Day Care Centre

Sixth class helping out in the Shankill Day Care Centre doing art with members of the community.

Above are Ms. Sheanon's Fifth Class presenting their projects on the Renaissance to the Shankill Day Care Centre guests.

Green School Committee Hedge Planting

The Green School Committee members in Scoil Mhuire were busy recently. They helped the Senior Infant class to plant a native Irish Hedgerow.

We are looking forward to seeing birds and insects benefitting from the hedgerow.

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Ask a Councillor

Cllr. Jim Gildea

TAKING-IN-CHARGE OF WOODBANK ESTATE

Question: To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the taking-in-charge of Woodbank estate, Shankill and to outline what, if any, outstanding works have to be carried out before taking-in-charge of the development?

Reply: The works identified by the service departments and the Building Control section have been completed for the development at Woodbank Shankill by the developer. However, the Building Control Section is liaising with the developer on the finalising of a Wayleave Agreement for services passing through private areas. Building Control will continue to liaise with the developer to progress the Taking-In-Charge of this development.

Note: Following a meeting I had onsite with the developer I have been informed that the Wayleave Agreement has been finalised and the council are now completing the taking-in-charge.

UPDATE ON THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT ABINGDON, SHANKILL

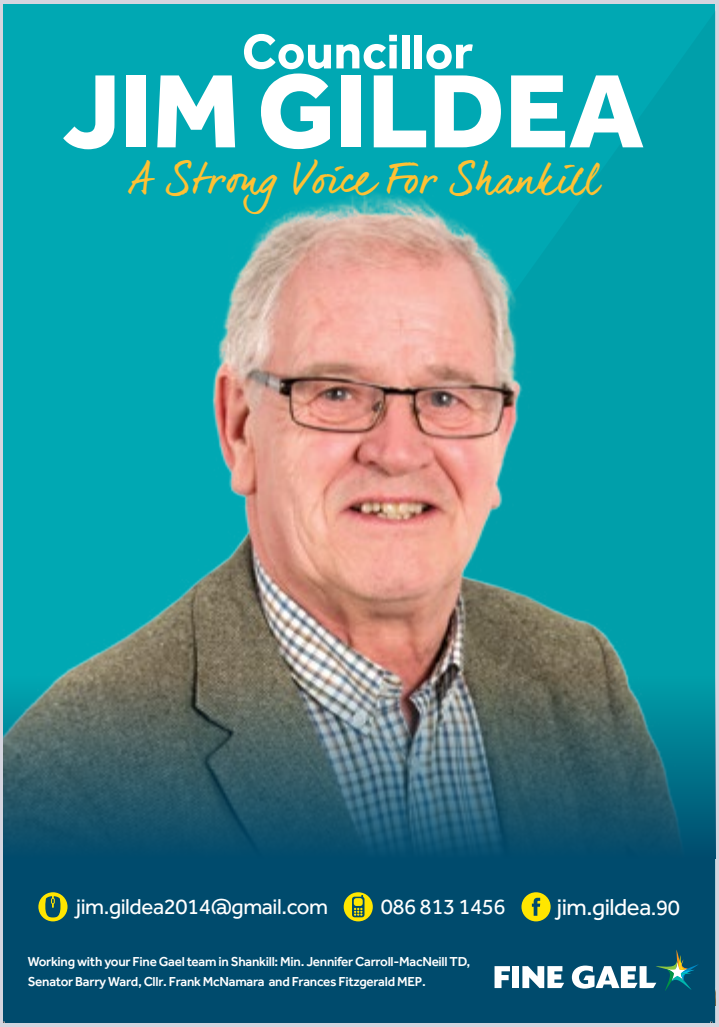
Question: To ask the Chief Executive for a comprehensive update on the proposed development at Abingdon, Shankill to include the expected commencement date, the expected duration of the works, the access and egress location for construction traffic to the site, has a residents liaison group with the developer/contractor been set up and if so have any meetings taken place to date, what works (if any) will be carried out on adjoining roads and grasslands in the course of construction, what parking arrangements are proposed to cater for construction workers?

How many units, by number of bedrooms per unit, will be in the development and how will these units be allocated to future residents?

Reply: It is expected that the scheme will commence on site in June 2024 and will take approximately 18 months to build. The construction management plan will set out details of the access and egress from the site, traffic management will be in place with stop/go systems operating at certain times. Parking for construction workers will also be considered under the plan and every effort will be made to minimise disruption to existing residents. To date the developer has endeavoured to consult with the local community to hear their concerns and requests, a meeting is due to be organised with the residents in the next few weeks.

The development will have a total of 193 dwellings, over four apartment blocks, ranging in height from five to eight stories. The units are made up of:
12 studio dwellings
110 x 1 bed dwellings
71 x 2 bed dwellings.

Open space has been provided within the scheme with walkways, lawns and multi-use play spaces, it is also intended to provide a small playground. On completion, the development will be owned by Circle Housing Association. 50 % of the new homes will be used to house persons off the social housing list and 50% of the dwellings will be made available for affordable cost rental housing. The social homes will be occupied by persons from the Council's Housing Waiting List and the cost rental affordable homes will be advertised by Circle in accordance with the Cost Rental Scheme ***https://www.gov.ie/en/service/32911-cost-rental-homes/***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SHANGANAGH CASTLE HOUSING

I received the following reply from the Council's Housing Department regarding the availability of homes at Shanganagh Castle:

Fifty-one Affordable Purchase houses will be ready for allocation in Qtr. 3/2024 with a further forty apartment units available in Qtr. 1/2025

One hundred ninety-five Cost Rental units will be ready for allocation in Qtr. 3/2024 with a further one hundred eleven units available for allocation from the start of 2025.

Notice of the date and method for applying for the first 51 Affordable Purchase homes will be published in the national newspapers and on the council's website.

Modern Foreign Languages:

Your Passport to a World of Opportunities

By Aisling Tapley

Modern Foreign Languages are also known as MFLs. What are they? MFLs encompass all languages aside from English, which are spoken and used in different countries and areas of the world. They are 'modern' as they are spoken today and can be distinguished from classical languages like Ancient Roman and Greek.

In Woodbook College, we are incredibly lucky with the number of MFLs we have on offer. As well as the obvious languages that we can choose to study during class time including French, German, Irish and Spanish, the huge variety of heritage languages does not go unnoticed. Chinese, Romanian, Ukrainian, Russian, Polish and many more other languages are used daily in the school, creating a hugely diverse community.

I strongly believe that studying a foreign language in school can only help you. Not only do you learn a new language that can be used in the future when travelling internationally or seeking job opportunities, it also enhances your personal creativity. You can work your brain in a completely different way. Creating cultural awareness and removing language barriers, the study of MFLs helps make others understand and experience things that they have not before. Learning new languages gives you the opportunity to connect with others in a way that you might not have thought of before. MFLs allow you to value other cultures and appreciate them in a recently developed way.

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ALTERATION ROOMS UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

Gerry and Clare Cosgrave are retiring from their successful business in the BBQ Centre, Shankill after 12 years.

They chose to set up in the Centre after observing that it was a busy place with opportunities to attract and retain customers for their business. Indeed, Gerry said that over the years some of those customers have become good friends.

Gerry and Clare first met while they were both working in a bridal and menswear outlet in Dublin city. Clare had previously worked for many years as a seamstress and then became manager of the bridal store, Pronuptia de Paris. Gerry had years of experience in gents' outfitters and then managing other stores. Years later they got the chance to open their own shop. They have offered the full range of alterations and repairs over the years.

Their main work has been taking up/letting down hems, altering and repairing trousers, dresses and so on. Modifying and upcycling has become a big part of their business as customers are more mindful of the need to get the best use out of clothes rather than constantly buying new items. They also took on other jobs like making and modifying curtains and making cushions. The demands of altering bridalwear led them to discontinue this line of work but alterations to bridesmaids' and debs' dresses were also a key part of their operation.

Retirement will bring them time to regroup and take a break for a while. They have plans for a good holiday, which they have surely earned, as well as some other projects. There's the possibility of another business venture, which may occupy them in the future, though not in their previous line of work.

Although the Cosgraves are stepping down, their business will continue under Aqila, the new owner. We wish Gerry and Clare all the very best in their retirement. Gerry, in particular, has been a great help to the SCAN team by taking on the responsibility of liaising with all the other businesses in the BBQ Centre to ensure that they all have an advertisement in the two-page spread that is featured in the December issue every year.

We also wish Aqila and her team a successful future in the Alterations Room and hope that new and existing customers will endorse their expertise in the same way as they did when Gerry and Clare were in charge.

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(Membership is €10 payable by cash to your local rep or via Revolut)

PLANNING NOTICES

compiled by Cllr. Jim Gildea

We are aware that some of the notices about planning applications and decisions are out of date by the time you receive your SCAN but we believe our readers would like to know what is going on in their area. We would like to remind you to keep a look out for new planning notices and, if you need further information, go to the Planning Office in Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Hall, Marine Road and request to see the plans.

D23A/0769 Seeking Permission Date: 07/12/2023 Add. Info. Rec'd 19/03/2024
Claire Gibbons, Rear of 31, Shrewsbury Road, Shankill, D18YW74
Permission for a detached dormer bungalow with new vehicular access with connection to all services and associated site works.

D24A/0172 Seeking Permission Date: 19/03/2024
Uisce Eireann, Corbawn Drive, Townland of Shanganagh, Shankill, Co Dublin
Permission for a ground mounted Odour Control Unit. A new vent stack. The removal of an existing vent stack.

D24B/0112 Seeking Permission Date: 21/03/2024
Dan Kelly, 15, Corbawn Avenue, Shankill, D18CD58
Alterations and extensions to dwelling, to include a front porch and side/rear extension of approx. 16.5 sq.m on ground floor and increased first floor area of approx 6 sq.m, incorporating 4 skylights, the redesign and extension of the dwelling creates front, rear and both side elevational changes to both ground and first floor including the raising and replacement of the existing roof, together with all ancillary and associated site works.

D24A/0214 Seeking Permission Date: 02/04/2024
Florin Strimbu, Florence Villa, Commons Road, Loughlinstown, D18HH1F
Retention Permission is sought for the construction of a vehicular entrance gate (of 3.5m width) which fronts onto the Commons Road at the northwestern corner of the site and a pedestrian gate (of 0.9m width) fronting at the northeastern corner. Planning permission is also sought for the replacement of existing vehicular entrance gate, which fronts onto the Commons Road at the northeastern corner of the site, with a fixed railing boundary treatment.

D24B/0139 Seeking Permission Date: 03/04/2024
Wayne and Esme Sheridan, 24, Aubrey Park, Shankill, D18NH36
Permission is sought for conversion of existing attic space comprising of modification of existing roof structure, raising of existing gable, removal of existing chimney, new access stairs, flat roof dormer to the rear and installation of 3 no. roof windows to the front.

PLANNING DECISIONS

D24A/0037 Grant Permission Date: 11/03/2024
Kerpow Ltd, The Old Glebe House, Brides Glen Road, Shankill, D18Y7H7
Alterations to approved plans (D23A/0392) consisting of the extension of the ground floor from 83sqm to 103sqm, the omission of a southeast facing window at first floor and minor alterations to the northeast and northwest elevations. A Protected Structure.

D24A/0039 Request Additional Information Date: 11/03/2024
Knockfodda Enterprises Ltd, Brady's Of Shankill, Dublin Road, Shankill, Dublin 18
Permission & Retention. 1. Retention of planter boxes and pergola with retractable roof and timber screening to external seating area to the side of the existing public house. 2. Permission for the provision of 2no. loading bays to service the existing public house which will include modification of the existing service yard boundary wall and relocation of the existing service yard gates to facilitate the loading bays.
D24B/0029 Grant Permission Date: 20/03/2024
Toni & Eoin Carroll, 14, Aubrey Park, D18DE20
Permission for Velux rooflights to the front (north) both sides (east/west) roof planes to accommodate an attic conversion with a rear velux rooflight and a single-storey extension to the east side of dwelling.

D23A/0668 Grant Permission Date: 27/03/2024
Daniel & Emily Good, Woodley, Dublin Road, Shankill, Dublin 18, D18K7K5
Construction of a 32 sqm swimming pool, railings, a single-storey shed and all associated ground works to the rear garden of the property.

D24B/0042 Grant Permission Date: 28/03/2024
Virginia Lawlor & Sean O'Farrell, 27 Bruach Srúille, Cherrywood Road, Shankill, D18A2X0
Enlarging a window opening to the front, new rooflight to the front, new timber pergola to the side, modifying existing shed to the side and associated external works.

D24B/0079 Withdraw The Application Date: 28/03/2024
Lisa Kenny & Ross Lawless, Crinken Lodge, Dublin Road, Shankill, D18P7R9
Construction of extensions to existing 3-bed single storey gate lodge to include single storey extension (2.80 sq.m) to East elevation to provide additional floor area to bedroom No.1 and single-storey extension (21.70 sq.m) to West elevation to provide kitchen/dining and internal alterations including the relocation of existing bedrooms 2+3 and new window in the North elevation to relocated bedroom 3 with associated site development works.

D23B/0419 Grant Permission Date: 02/04/2024
Paul & Natalie Clinch, Lissaphúca, Heronford Lane, Shankill, D18Y3K4
Extension & alterations to existing structure comprising (a) Demolition of existing conservatory to front and side of dwelling. (b) Construction of new garden room as extension to south east elevation. (c) Alterations to window opes to north east elevation. (d) Removal of existing roof light and construction of new roof light to front roof plane. (e) Demolition of existing shed structure at site entrance and construction of three new shed structures around pond with connections to existing services. (f) Construction of new garden wall within the site to protect embankment and associated site works.

NO APPEALS NOTIFIED BY AN BORD PLEANÁLA

APPEALS DECISION BY AN BORD PLEANÁLA

D22A/0585 Refuse Permission Date: 07/03/2024
Council Decision Refuse permission
Cignal Infrastructure Ltd., Lands at Cornerstown House, Ballybride Road, Shankill-Rathmichael, Dublin 18
Permission for the erection of a new 30m pine tree multi user telecommunications support structure carrying 9 No. antennas installed on support poles and associated diplexers and remote radio units, 4 No. communication dishes and 5 No. outdoor cabinets all enclosed within a security compound by a 2.4m high palisade fence with a 2m access gate and site works accessed via the existing permitted access driveway. The Development is within

the curtilage of a protected structure. The development will provide mobile voice and data services in the area.

D22A/0853 Appeal Grant Permission Date: 07/03/2024
Council Refuse permission
Matthew & Fiona Broderick, Site to front of Clova, Lordello Road, Shankill, Dublin 18
Permission sought for: the construction of one 2-storey and single storey dwelling with dormer window at roof level, comprising 4 no. bedrooms and associated living, dining & utility spaces, served by a wastewater treatment plant and polishing filter, 1 no. single-storey office room, the provision of all associated ground and landscape works, the repositioning of existing gate to property, the widening of existing adjacent laneway and widening of existing shared vehicle gateway to Lordello Road.

D23B/0188 Appeal Refuse Permission Date: 14/03/2024
Council Refuse permission
Josh & Elaine Murray, 39, New Vale Cottages, D18NP5C
Proposal: New single storey extension to the side, and a new two storey extension to the rear of existing house, a new garden shed/ home office and associated site works.

D22A/0800 Appeal Refuse Permission Date: 20/03/2024
Council Refuse permission
Charton Homes Limited, Lands at Shankill House, Ferndale Road, Dublin 18
The development will consist of change of house types and garage types along with changes of plot layouts from details as granted under permission D15A/0403 (as extended under extension of duration D15A/0403/E) along with provision of associated garages. New boundary treatments and landscaping works are also proposed. Other works incorporating the access, internal roads and footpaths, drainage, foul and water infrastructure and street lighting to remain as granted under D15A/0403 & D22A/0403/E. The site lies within the attendant grounds of Shankill House which is a protected structure.

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